



EXCUSES

of Laman and Lemuel

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Complained



Physically Assaulted Nephi
(tied him up or beat him)



Tried to kill Nephi

Their Excuses	Their Actions	The Result
"Our dad sees visions."	Murmured (1 Nephi 2: 8-11) 	Lehi confounded them and their frames shook.
"Go back and get the plates? You're kidding, right? Way too hard."	Murmured (1 Nephi 3: 4-5) 	Nephi says that the Lord will prepare a way and that he will go.
"I couldn't talk Laban into giving me the plates. Can we leave now?"	Wanted to give up and return to wilderness (1 Nephi 3: 13-15) 	Nephi told them that they were not leaving until they had what they came for.
"Nephi's plan of trading our riches for the plates didn't work. He'll pay."	Beat Nephi and Sam with a rod (1 Nephi 3: 28-30) 	Angel stops them. Tells them to go back and get the plates.
"The angel is asking the impossible. Laban's just too strong."	Murmured (1 Nephi 3:31) 	Nephi tells them that no one is stronger than the Lord.
"Another pep talk from my little brother. Whatever. Lead the way, Nephi. I hate my life."	Murmured (1 Nephi 4:4) 	Nephi told them to hide outside of the city, so Nephi could go ahead by himself.
"The wilderness is dumb. Jerusalem is cool. Enough said. I'm out of here."	Rebelled against Nephi with some of Ishmael's children (1 Nephi 7:6-8) 	Nephi asks them why he has to be the example to his older brothers. He reminds them of the Angel.
"Nephi said what!? He said I can go ahead and live in Jerusalem like I want... but that I'd die? No... I think he's gonna die."	Tie Nephi up with strong cords and leave him in the wilderness, hoping an animal will kill him (1 Nephi 7:16-18)  	Nephi prayed and The Lord loosed the bands from Nephi's hands and feet.



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"Nephi just won't stay tied up! Where did we buy this rope?"	Were Angry. Wanted to kill Nephi (1 Nephi 7:18-19) 	Ishmael's family convinced the rebellious people that they were being dumb.
"Nephi (the klutz) broke his bow. I'm tired and hungry."	Murmured (1 Nephi 16:20-23) 	Nephi made a new bow, asked his father where he should hunt, and then came back with food.
"Nephi thinks he's the boss of me. Well... he's not!"	Want to kill Lehi and Nephi (1 Nephi 16:37-39) 	They all heard the voice of the Lord. The Lord chastised them for a long time until they repented.
"Nephi wants my help to build a ship? I don't think so. He has no clue how to build a ship!"	Murmured (1 Nephi 17:17-47) 	Nephi reminds them that with the Lord anything is possible.
"Our little brother is giving us another lecture! I don't think so!"	Wanted to throw Nephi deep into the Ocean so he would drown (1 Nephi 17:48-55) 	Nephi says that if they touch him, they will die. They are scared to touch him. Later, Nephi touches them and they get shocked. They repent.
"Nephi can't tell me what to do! I'm the new captain of this ship!"	Bound Nephi with cords again (1 Nephi 18:9-22) 	Liahona stopped working and the ship was about to sink. They untie Nephi. The storm stops and Nephi sails the ship to the promise land.
"My little brother will not boss me around. I am older. I get to be in charge!"	Want to kill Nephi (2 Nephi 5:1-5) 	The Lord told Nephi to go into the wilderness to get away from Laman and Lemuel. Nephi's group is blessed. Laman's group is cursed.